

# Death Knell Is Sounded In Liberty Head Nickel Hunt

Collectors, Meeting Here, Say None Remain,  
But Search Goes on for 1894 "S" Dimes

Official death knell to the great 1913 Liberty head nickel hunt (in which you've joined) was sounded Tuesday at the convention of the American Numismatic Association (coin collectors) in the Netherland Plaza.

There are none at large—in anybody's change.

Furthermore, delegates to the convention said, only five of them were struck in the first place and they long since have been safely mounted in a large New York collection.

Your chance of finding an 1894 "S" dime is slightly better, however. Twenty-four of them are believed to have been made in the San Francisco mint and thus far, only eight or 10 have been accounted for, Sol Kaplan, convention director, revealed. An "S" dime has a mint peculiar to it.

The 1913 nickel and the 1894 dime are coins most frequently held out as bait in sales of catalogs.

Delegates to the convention were looking forward to the auction at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. Hundreds of valuable coins, bills and medals were to be offered. Bids up to \$1000 were expected to be common.

Pattern coins are greatest in demand this year among collectors, it was learned. They are pieces of money struck off at mints in former years as design samples to aid the Treasury in making a final selection.

The coin market in general is brisk, delegates reported. As in Europe, where large sums are being invested in works of art, Americans are putting idle money into coin and stamp collections, Director Kaplan said.

Nomination of officers of the association closed at noon Tuesday, with opposition lacking in most instances. Indications were J. Douglas Ferguson, Rock Island, Quebec, would be returned unanimously as president.

Other nominations are: Martin F. Kortjohn, New York, first vice president; George M. Todd, Atlanta, Ga., second vice president; M. Vernon Sheldon, Chicago, general secretary; George H. Blake, Jersey City, treasurer; T. R. Hammer, Burlington, Ia., librarian and curator.

For the board of governors, Shephard Pond, Winchester, Conn.; V. Leon Belt, Waterloo, Ia.; J. Henri Ripstra, Chicago, and Nelson T. Thorson, Omaha, incumbents, were renominated to run against Charles F. Nettleship Jr., Maplewood, N. J.; Max Schwartz, New York; Victor Chambers, Columbus, O., and Henry E. Elrod, Houston, Tex., new candidates.

Thomas Herbert, attorney general of Ohio, will talk at the annual dinner Wednesday night fol-

## Wooden Nickels

Don't take any wooden nickels at the American Numismatic Association convention in the Netherland Plaza—if you don't want to meet a Secret Service agent!

The wooden nickels actually are there—by the score—but, like everything else in the coin exhibit, are carefully guarded by the agents who keep watch on the \$100,000 bill and other money on display.

James Blair Mann, draughtsman, 4011 Ballard avenue, Oakley, is the exhibitor of the odd nickels. The collection stirs interest equal to or greater than attracted by real money. It is said to be the largest in the United States.

lowing a cocktail party at 6 p. m. Judge William E. Handley will be toastmaster.

Collection of dues from association members in the armed service will be waived for the duration, the convention decided at a Monday business session.